



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: THERMAL TOLERANT
MANNANASE FROM
ACIDOTHERMUS
CELLULOLYTICUS

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AMENDMENT IN
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 26, 2003

Box: NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The present paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2003. The present paper is timely filed as it is being filed within the two month period for response to final office actions outlined in MPEP 714.13. No request for extension of time is deemed necessary. Should any request for extension of time be needed, please consider this paper to constitute the appropriate request for extension of time.

Claim Status: Claims 1-12, 26-34, 43, 44 and 63 are pending.

Claims 10, 11, 26-34, 43, 44 and 63 are allowed.

Claims 1-9 and 12 are rejected.

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